<u>Version With Markings To Show Changes Made</u>

<u>In the Claims</u>

Amend claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 10, 14, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 38, 40 and 41 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A camera control system [capable of] <u>for</u> controlling a video camera from a [plurality of] computer [terminals] <u>terminal</u> via a network, comprising:

a video transmitting device adapted to transmit image signals obtained by the video camera;

a control device adapted to control the video camera on the basis of a control command from [one of] the [plurality of] computer [terminals] <u>terminal</u>; and

wherein said control device executes automatic control of the video camera <u>with transmitting image signals</u> if the control command for the video camera is not received from [any of] the [plurality of] computer [terminals] <u>terminal</u>.

4. (Twice Amended) A camera control system according to claim 1, further comprising:

an issuing device adapted to issue a control right of the video camera to one of [the] <u>a</u> plurality of computer terminals which makes a request to acquire the control right of the video camera which is required for said control [means] <u>device</u> to control the video camera,

wherein said control device executes automatic control of the video camera if the control right of the video camera is not issued to any of the plurality of computer terminals by said issuing device.

7. (Amended) A camera control system according to claim 4, wherein said issuing [means] <u>device</u> issues control rights of a predetermined plurality of video cameras to one computer terminal.

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8. (Twice Amended) A camera control system according to claim 7, wherein said [automatic] control device executes automatic control of the predetermined plurality of video cameras if the control rights of the predetermined plurality of video cameras are not issued to any of the computer terminals by said issuing device.

10. (Twice Amended) A camera control system according to claim 7, wherein said [automatic] control device executes automatic control of video cameras whose control rights are not received for a predetermined time period, from among the predetermined plurality of video cameras, if the control rights of the predetermined plurality of video cameras are issued to one computer terminal by said issuing device.

14. (Twice Amended) A camera control system according to claim 11 [or 12], wherein said storage device stores at least one of a zoom magnification, a subject distance and an on/off state of a backlight correction of the video camera, correspondingly with the image pickup direction of the video camera.

16. (Amended) A camera control system according to claim 8,

wherein if automatic control is being executed by said [automatic] control device, said video transmitting device transmits video signals from the predetermined plurality of video cameras to a computer terminal which has made the video transmission request, while changing over the video signals at intervals of a predetermined time period.

19. (Twice Amended) A camera control system comprising:

a control device adapted to control a video camera;

an automatic control device adapted to execute automatic control of the video camera with transmitting image signals to a computer terminal if a control command for the video camera is not received from [a] the computer terminal;

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a plurality of computer terminals for enabling said control device to output the control command for the video camera via a network; and

said video camera controlled by said control device.

20. (Amended) A control method for a camera control system [capable of] for controlling a video camera from a [plurality of] computer [terminals] terminal via a network, said control method comprising:

a control step of controlling the video camera on the basis of a control command from [one of] the [plurality of] computer [terminals] terminal; and

an automatic control step of executing automatic control of the video camera with transmitting image signals if the control command for the video camera is not received from [any of] the [plurality of] computer [terminals] terminal.

22. (Amended) A control method according to claim 20, further comprising:

a video transmitting step of transmitting a video image of the video camera in response to a request from [each of the] a plurality of computer terminals,

wherein said automatic control step stops automatic control of the video camera if the video image of the video camera is not outputted by said video transmitting step.

23. (Amended) A control method according to claim 20, further comprising:

an issuing step of issuing a control right of the video camera to one of [the] a plurality of computer terminals which makes a request to acquire the control right of the video camera which is required for said control step to control the video camera,

wherein said automatic control step stops automatic control of the video camera if the control right of the video camera is not issued to any of the plurality of computer terminals by the issuing step.

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38. (Amended) A storage medium which stores therein a program for executing control over a camera control system [capable of] for controlling a video camera from a [plurality of] computer [terminals] terminal via a network, said program comprising processes of:

controlling the video camera on the basis of a control command from [one of] the [plurality of] computer [terminals] terminal; and

executing automatic control of the video camera with transmitting image signals if the control command for the video camera is not received from [any of] the [plurality of] computer [terminals] terminal.

40. (Amended) A storage medium according to claim 38, wherein said program further comprises processes of:

transmitting a video image of the video camera in response to a request from [each of the] a plurality of computer terminals, and

stopping automatic control of the video camera if the video image of the video camera is outputted.

41. (Amended) A storage medium according to claim 38, wherein said program further comprises processes of:

issuing a control right of the video camera to one of [the] a plurality of computer terminals which makes a request to acquire the control right of the video camera which is required to control the video camera; and

executing automatic control of the video camera if the control right of the video camera is not issued to any of the plurality of computer terminals.

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